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REF: AMERICAN EMBASSY LONDON NOTE NO. 25 OF 30 DEC 66

1. THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF CONSTRUCTION, US NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND CONTRACTS THAILAND (OICC THAILAND), WHO IS LOCATED IN BANGKOK, RECENTLY WAS DESIGNATED THE DOD DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION AGENT FOR A PORTION OF THE FACILITIES BEING CONSTRUCTED AT DIEGO GARCIA ISLAND. IN THIS CAPACITY, OICC THAILAND HAS REQUESTED INFORMATION REGARDING AVAILABILITY AND EXTENT OF MAURITIAN ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION AND SURVEYING TALENTS WHICH MIGHT BE

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CONTRACTED OR EMPLOYED AT SOME FUTURE DATE IN CONNECTION

WITH DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE FACILITIES. INQUIRY IS BASED ON REQUIREMENT OF 1966 BIOT AGREEMENT (REF A) FOR PREFERENTIAL RECRUITMENT/UTILIZATION OF UK/BIOT WORKERS FROM ADJACENT AREAS.

2. LACK OF AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION REGARDING EXTENT AND AVAILABILITY OF BIOT LABOR RESOURCES HAS BEEN CITED BY REPRESENTATIVE OF BIOT COMMISSIONER ON DIEGO GARCIA IN RECENT DENIAL OF ISLAND ENTRY PERMITS TO THIRD COUNTRY NATIONAL (I.E., NON-US/UK) ARCHITECT-ENGINEER PERSONNEL UNDER OICC CONTRACT. FURTHER DELAY COULD SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION EFFORT. OICC DESIRES DETAILED REPORT OUTLINING AVAILABLE MAURITIAN ENGINEERING TALENT, INCLUDING SKILL LEVELS, PROJECT EXPERIENCE, RATES, AND PERSONNEL RESUMES. REPORT WOULD BE USED AS BASIS FOR CONSIDERATION OF MAURITIAN TALENT AS FUTURE REQUIREMENTS ARISE. ADDITIONALLY, REPORT WOULD BE PREFERENCED IN REQUESTS FOR ISLAND ENTRY PERMITS FOR TCNS WHEN BIOT LABOR IS NOT AVAILABLE. SUBJECT TO EMBASSY CONCURRENCE, OICC IS PREPARED TO APPROPRIATE US EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND TO GATHER DESIRED INFORMATION. VISIT WOULD BE LOW-KEY, CONDUCTED BY DOD GS-13/14 CIVIL SERVANT AND/OR NAVY CIVIL ENGINEER CORPS OFFICER.

3. ANCILLARY TRIP PURPOSE WOULD BE TO GATHER DETAILED HISTORIC DATA REGARDING DIEGO GARCIA RAINFALL FOR USE IN GROUND WATER STUDY AND WATER SYSTEM DESIGN. UNDERSTAND DATA IS AVAILABLE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF METEOROLOGY, VACOAS. DATA IS NOT LOCALLY AVAILABLE IN BANGKOK.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS MAY BE SENT DIRECTLY TO OICC THAILAND.  
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